

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: D. Q. Dinh
OSAMU SAGANO, ET AL.)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2629
Application No.: 10/743,871)	
	:	Confirmation No.: 9351
Filed: December 24, 2003)	
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For: INFORMATION PROCESSING)	February 20, 2009
APPARATUS AND METHOD	:	

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

Sir:

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended toward their representative during the telephone conversations of February 4 and 9, 2009.

The telephone conversations focused on claims presented in the Amendment of November 24, 2008. The Examiner indicated that dependent Claims 10 and 12 contain allowable subject matter. It was agreed, therefore, to present Claims 10 and 12 in independent form and cancel Claim 1. Additionally, Claims 7 and 8 would be amended to depend from Claim 12, and Claim 11 would be amended to depend from Claim 10. Claims 6, 9 and 13 would also be cancelled.

The Examiner agreed to make the changes by Examiner's Amendment and pass the case to issue.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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